

DISPUTE OVER SHIPS MAY PREVENT SALE

Controversy Will Probably Be Taken to Wilson for Settlement.

BIDDERS KEPT IN DOUBT

War Department Wants to Keep String on Vessels for Emergency Use.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(Recurrent of the row between the War Department and the Shipping Board over the ultimate use and disposition of the German passenger ships seized in American ports coincident with the declaration of war promises to halt indefinitely the Shipping Board's plans for sale of these vessels to private owners for operation under the American flag.

The controversy went to the President and probably will have to go to him again before any final decision is reached. Meanwhile American shipowners who bid on the vessels do not know the standing of their bids.

The Shipping Board to-day took the bids and the general situation under advisement but reached no conclusions as far as is known.

Several weeks ago the board advertised for bids for all of the vessels. Publication of the proposed sale attracted the attention of Secretary Baker, who lodged a protest with Chairman Payne of the Shipping Board calling attention to an agreement subscribed to by the Army, the Navy, the Department of Commerce and the Shipping Board which would keep a string on the vessels for emergency use in the transport service.

The Secretary also lodged a complaint with the subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee, which has been holding hearings before the committee on the Shipping Board to his letter, which he asked to have put in the Record. The letter told of the interdepartmental conference and its unanimous conclusion that title to the vessels should always remain with the United States, so that they could be taken for emergency use for the army, and of the Secretary's concern because of the press dispatches of sale and lack of assurance from the Shipping Board that all of the vessels wanted by the army were not to be included.

Chairman Payne of the Shipping Board replied to the letter stating that his attention had not been called to any limitation on the right of the board to dispose of the vessels in accordance with its policy, but that he would not dispose of the ships before taking the matter up with the Secretary. The chairman urged the advisability of sale and suggested that the vessels might not be needed when the transports building at Hog Island were delivered.

TENTATIVE INCOME TAX RETURNS BARRED

Bureau to Insist Upon Correct Statements.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Tentative income tax returns will not be accepted this year by the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury. No estimates as to income will be allowed either for individuals or corporations, but persons who do not give an actual and correct statement will be liable to penalties and penalties will be applied according to an official statement from the bureau to-day.

Because of the delay in the issuance of income tax blanks and regulations under the new law both individuals and corporations were allowed last year to file a tentative return giving an estimate of amounts due the Government. The tax bureau now takes the position that the law and regulations should be sufficiently well known to permit of making a final return and such a return will be demanded.

Blanks for individual income tax returns are being mailed out now from the various local collectors' offices. Those who paid or made a return last year are listed. All others can get blanks from local collectors or from the Treasury Department.

Returns for the calendar year just closed must be filed on or before March 15, when the first quarterly installment of the tax due is payable. If the taxpayer is unable to complete his return in time because of illness or absence the various collectors have authority to grant extensions of time up to thirty days.

FREIGHT HANDLERS STRIKE.

Two Roads Declare Embargo—1,200 Men Walk Out.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Freight transportation through local rail and water terminals of the Boston and Maine and Boston and Albany Railroads was stopped to-day and an embargo on shipments was declared by each road as a result of a strike by union freight handlers.

The embargo on the Boston and Maine affects all shipments; the Boston and Albany order excludes less than carload shipments. About 1,200 men walked out. The freight handlers at the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad terminals did not join the strike to-day, but it was said they might do so to-morrow. The men on all three roads are involved in demands now pending with the Railroad Administration for a wage increase, and the strike was declared in an attempt to hasten the decision.

Deaths Await Execution.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 28.—Because of the state's inability to secure the services of an executioner on next Friday Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie to-day extended to February 4 the date for the electrocution of Allen V. Grammer and Alton B. Cole for the murder of Grammer's mother-in-law.

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LABOR WILL SHARE PROFITS OR LOSSES

Wadsworth Plan Also Gives Voice in Business.

HITCHCOCK TO FORCE ACTION ON TREATY

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U. S. BANKS REVEAL TREMENDOUS GAINS

Pacific Coast Shows 1340 Per Cent. Increase in Twenty Years.

SOUTH ALSO PROSPEROUS

Financial Power of Nation, Formerly in the East, Now Widespread.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Deconcentration of the country's banking resources and widespread distribution of wealth, indicated by an increase in banking resources of 1,000 per cent. or more in sixteen States since 1899, was shown by a comparison of present bank resources with conditions twenty years ago issued to-day by John Skelton Williams, Controller of the Currency.

The banking power of the country twenty years ago was concentrated mainly in the East, the report said, and national banks in New England and Eastern States comprising but 6 per cent. of the territory of the United States held almost 60 per cent. of the total resources of all the national banks in the country. The proportion of the resources of banks in those States now to all others has fallen to 46.78 per cent., although the resources of the national banks in those States have increased 277 per cent., or \$7,719,937,000.

Every section of the country has shared in the tremendous increase in wealth since 1899, but the report shows that the Pacific coast has experienced the largest percentage of increase in national bank resources, amounting to 1240 per cent. National banks in eight Western States—the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico—have shown an increase of 500 per cent. and the resources of the middle West banks increased 363 per cent.

The South also has shown a huge increase, both actual and comparative. Operators of the central competitive fields will conclude their testimony in three days and next Thursday the commission will give hearings to the outside fields. These hearings will be short, permitting the commission to conclude meetings and begin the writing of its conclusions as to wages, working conditions and other labor relations in the coal industry.

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Whereas, in 1899 the total resources of all the national banks in the fourteen Southern States were \$348,554,000, the total now is \$2,097,707,000, an increase of 599 per cent. The proportion of the resources of all national banks now held in the Southern States is 15.35 per cent., as against 7.50 per cent. twenty years ago.

The increase in resources has amounted to more than 100 per cent. in every State except Rhode Island, where the increase was only 21.93 per cent. The resources of the national banks in Rhode Island declined 15 per cent. between the years 1899 and 1913 but increased 44 per cent. since the passage of the Federal reserve law.

Commenting upon the remarkable growth Controller Williams pointed out that the resources of the national banks in Texas and Oklahoma to-day are almost as great as the total resources of all the national banks in the New England and Eastern States, except New York, as reported twenty years ago.

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